IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Wolfgang HEIL et al. Confirmation No.: 7991

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Title: DROSPIRENONE FOR HORMONE REPLACEMENT THERAPY

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Commissioner for Patents Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final April 19, 2006, concurrent with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and concurrent with the Petition to Revive Application for Unintentional Abandonment under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b), kindly reconsider allowability of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.